THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Friday, 24th July 1953.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at half-past eight of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING-IN OF A NEW MEMBER.

Sri K. Shanmugam was sworn-in.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

State expenditure in connexion with the tour of the President of India.

* 910 *Q.*—SRI C. KANDASAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the State expenditure incurred by this State for the tour of the President of the Republic in this State in the month of February 1953 ; and

(*b*) what are the details of expenditure item by item?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) Rupees 53,466–4–8.

" (*b*) A statement [a] is laid on the table of the House."

SRI C. KANDASAMI :—" May I know how much has been spent on police officers and how much on men? The first item in the statement refers to travelling allowance for police officers and men. I want to know how much has been spent on them separately."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am not able to give that information from the papers I have here. But is it important? What does it matter whether it is for officers or for constables? "

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" From the statement furnished by the Government it is seen that a sum of more than Rs. 53,000 has been spent by our State alone on the President's visit in addition to expenditure incurred by other bodies. Apart from that, the Central Government also might have spent some money and we do not know all those figures. How does this huge expenditure compare with that incurred on the visits of our former British Viceroys and also is it necessary for our State to undertake to entertain such costly guests in our State? "

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on pages 1280–1283 infra.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I cannot go into the merits of the constitutional question as to whether a President is necessary or not, how the President is to carry on his functions and how much expenditure is to be incurred upon him. All that is outside my province at the present moment. As regards the expenditure in this State out of the funds of this Government, we are bound to maintain law and order when a person of that position and a functionary of the highest importance in the Republic is travelling in our State."

SRI C. KANDASAMI :—" May I know the purpose of the visit of the President to Ramanathapuram district? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" The President of a Republic has many functions which cannot be explicitly understood or put down. But he is bound to travel all over the country and is expected to take an interest in every activity in the country, whatever the groups or the language or the men or the caste or the religion may be "

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—" Is there no limit to the expenses to be incurred on the visits of the President to the States? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no constitutional limit. Our expenditure in this State is to provide security. The expenses of the President are governed by the Constitution and by the Parliament."

SRI A. GOVINDASAMI NAYAGAR :—" மதச்சார்பற்ற சர்க்காரின் தலைவர் டாக்டர் ராஜேந்திர பிரசாத் முகமதியர்களும், கிறிஸ்தவர்களும், இந்துக்களும் செலுத்துகின்ற வரிப் பணத்தில் இந்துக்கள் கோயில்களுக்குப் பவனி போய் வந்தது நியாயமா ? இராமேசுவரத்தில் தர்ப்பணம் செய்யும் போது பிராமணர்களுக்குக் கொடுத்த பணமும், வேங்கடத்தில் காணிக்கை செலுத்திய பணமும் சொந்தச் செலவா அல்லது சர்க்கார் செலவா என்று கேட்கின்றேன் ? "

THE HON SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" அனேக கிறிஸ்தவப் பள்ளிகளுக்கும், கிறிஸ்தவ கோயில்களுக்கும், முஸ்லிம் கோயில்களுக்கும் அதேமாதிரி செய்து வருகிறார்கள்."

8-40 a.m. SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Sir, my question was not answered. I did not ask whether the President was necessary or not. I asked : How does this expenditure compare with the previous expenditure on the British Viceroys? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, that comparison cannot be made by me."

SRI R. SIDDANNA GOWD :—" Was the incurring of such heavy expenditure justifiable, Sir, in view of the fact that the President of the Republic is so popular, loved and respected all over the country? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, I deprecate questions here which should be put in Parliament if at all allowed."

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Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" The Hon. Chief Minister made us understand that this huge expenditure was necessary to maintain law and order."

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Our expenditure? "

Sri M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" Yes, our expenditure. We have known our President and even as Congress leader he has visited our State several times previously. Why do the Government apprehend any serious threat to law and order because of his visit? "

The Hon. Sri C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" There is no apprehension of break-down of law and order because of his visit. But our duties with reference to the security of the President are greater than our duties with reference to ordinary citizens, non-official or other. With regard to private persons we can afford to take risk, but about the President of this Union we cannot afford to take such risks."

Adjudication in the dispute between Sri T. Appu and Commonwealth Trust, Limited, Kozhikode.

* 911 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have received any memorandum from Malabar Trade Union Council, dated 15th November 1952, requesting the Government to order adjudication in the dispute between Sree Tharammal Appu and Commonwealth Trust, Limited, Kozhikode, regarding the bonus for 1948–49, and if so what action the Government have taken in this connexion?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. The Labour Officer, Coimbatore, has reported that the management of the Commonwealth Trust, Limited, Kozhikode, has paid the bonus for the year 1948–49, to Sri Tharammal Appu on 7th March 1953."

Textile Tripartite Enquiry Committee.

* 914 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state when the Textile Tripartite Enquiry Committee was formed and whether the Committee have submitted their final report to the Government?

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Tripartite Textile Enquiry Committee was constituted in June 1951 and it has submitted its final report to Government."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Will the Government be pleased to supply us a copy of the report, Sir? "

The Hon. Dr. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The report has been sent for printing and as soon as it is available, Members with have an opportunity of getting a copy."